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SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON MIDDLE EAST

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1. IN CONCERT WITH MALIK YOU SHOULD ABSTAIN ON PROPOSED NON-ALIGNED RESOLUTION. IN EXPLAINING OUR ABSTENTION MAIN POINT TO MAKE IS THAT WE DO NOT CONSIDER SUCH FORMAL SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION NECESSARY. FURTHERMORE, NEGOTIATIONS RE INVITATIONS TO GENEVA CONFERENCE ARE STILL PROCEEDING AND ACTION BY COUNCIL CANNOT HELP BUT COMPLICATE DELICATE NEGOTIATING SITUATION. BOTH WE AND SOVIETS HAVE MADE CLEAR WE ENVISAGE THAT SECRETARY GENERAL WILL BE INCLUDED IN OPENING SESSION AND HAVE HIS REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT THROUGHOUT CONFERENCE, WHICH IS BEING HELD PURSUANT TO PREVIOUS ACTIONS OF SECURITY COUNCIL. IN CIRCUMSTANCES, WE DO NOT SEE NEED FOR FORMAL MEETING AND RESOLUTION AT THIS

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TIME AND CONTINUE TO PREFER CONSENSUS PROCEDURE ONCE CONFERENCE DETAILS HAVE BEEN WORKED OUT.

2. SOVIETS HAVE AS YOU KNOW TOLD US THEY INTEND
TO ABSTAIN, AND YOU SHOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE
TO ASSURE THEY HOLD TO THAT POSITION. IF, DESPITE
YOUR BEST EFFORTS, THEY SHOULD CHANGE POSITION TO
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE, YOU ARE ALSO AUTHORIZED TO VOTE
FOR RESOLUTION, BUT YOU SHOULD NOT RPT NOT GIVE
ANY INDICATION OF THIS TO ANYONE.
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